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E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, WB, UR, US, UK, FR  
SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR DEATH OF RUDOLPH HESS

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1. BRITISH LEGAL ADVISER HAS TOLD US THAT THINKING  
IN HIS MISSION IS THAT SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR  
KHOTULEV WILL PROBABLY PROVIDE MORE FORMAL ANSWER  
TO ALLIED INITIATIVE SINCE ABRASIMOV ACCEPTED PAPER  
FROM AMBASSADOR WRIGHT LAYING OUT PRACTICAL ARRANGE-  
MENTS AND ANTICIPATED CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IF 1970  
AGREEMENT WERE TO BE MODIFIED AS ALLIES HAVE PROPOSED.  
IF KHOTULEV DOES NOT RETURN TO SUBJECT WITHIN DECENT  
INTERVAL, BRITISH MISSION ENVISIONS CHAIRMAN POLAD  
ASKING HIM IF SOVIETS HAVE STUDIED PAPER.

2. BRITISH MISSION SEES FACT THAT ABRASIMOV ALLUDED  
TO POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSIONS ON FUTURE OF PRISON  
BUILDING AS POSSIBLE HINT THAT SOVIETS MAY EXPRESS  
INTEREST IN DISCUSSING SOME TRADE-OFF INVOLVING  
MODIFICATION OF 1970 AGREEMENT ON DISPOSITION OF  
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REMAINS AND A CONTINUING QUADRIpartite PRESENCE AT  
SPANDAU. IF KHOTULEV SHOULD PICK UP THIS THEME,  
BRITISH MISSION WOULD FAVOR ALLIES TAKING RESERVED  
LINE, NOTING THAT ALLIES DO NOT NEED AN AGREEMENT TO  
DISPOSE OF PRISON WHICH WOULD REVERT TO SOLE BRITISH  
CONTROL ON PRISONER'S DEATH AND THAT WE ALREADY  
HAVE 1970 AGREEMENT ON DISPOSITION OF REMAINS.

IMPLICATION WOULD BE THAT SOVIETS WOULD HAVE TO MAKE  
A GOOD OFFER TO DRAW US INTO SUCH A NEGOTIATION.  
BRITISH LEGAL ADVISER DID NOT SUGGEST  
THAT BRITISH MISSION WOULD BE INCLINED, HOWEVER,  
SHOULD SUCH A NEGOTIATION ACTUALLY BE BEGUN, TO GO  
BEYOND AGREED FALL-BACK IN TRIPARTITE POSITION PAPER  
THAT ALLIES MIGHT EVENTUALLY AGREE AS MAXIMUM TO A  
FINAL SMALL QUADRIpartite CEREMONY AT PRISON OR  
ERECTION OF SMALL COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE OR STELE BUT  
THAT THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION OF PERMANENT OR SEMI-  
PERMANENT QUADRIpartite PRESENCE AT SPANDAU.  
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